

**County Council Meeting**  
**August 20, 2013**

**Present:** Jack Kroeger, Jim Seiler, Blake Bunner, Bill Spaetti, Steve Winsett, Dave Kress, Matt Knepper, Attorney Eric Ayer, Auditor Jane Lynam

Meeting was called to order by the President Jack Kroeger at 5:00 P.M.

**Minutes**

Winsett made a motion to approve the minutes from July 16<sup>th</sup>. Kress seconded the motion, motion approved.

**Additional Appropriations**

**County General**

**Jailer Overtime                      \$15,000.**

Request was made by Sheriff Lindsey. Ron Heady spoke and explained that we had inmates in the hospital and when that happens we have to have someone with them 24/7. We have had new people coming in and we have to pay for training hours. Motion was made by Kress to approve the \$15,000. Bunner seconded the motion, motion approved.

**Highway                                      \$30,000.**

Chuck Painter, Highway Superintendent, made the request. Painter spoke to the Council and explained that we have a lot of older equipment and we have to keep it running, we spend a lot of money for repairs. Winsett made a motion to approve the \$30,000. Spaetti seconded the motion, motion approved.

**Reassessment                              \$93,623.**

Auditor Jane Lynam made the request. Kroeger explained that in 2010 the laws changed and the State created a new fund for reassessment; there were things that should have been done then that weren't. The bottom line is that the DLGF told us we had to do this, so we are doing it to comply with what we were told. Spaetti made a motion to approve the \$93,623. Bunner seconded the motion, motion approved.

**Local Health Department              \$8,361.**

Donna Etienne made the request and explained that this is the new Local Health Department Fund, which was the Tobacco Fund. The money is there, but the Council needs to approve it, so we can use it. Kress made a motion to approve the \$8,361. Knepper seconded the motion, motion approved.

**Legal Report**

Ayer explained that in October of 2012 the Council passed a Resolution designating a portion of property as economic revitalization area and approved abatements for Ohio Valley Resources. Since that time a public hearing was held in January Of 2013 and there have been no remonstrations and no objections have been received. Umbaugh and Associates have done their reports that need to be attached to a Resolution showing the abatement figures. Ayer asked that the Council adopt a new Resolution basically confirming the designation that was approved in October with the new attachments that show actual property descriptions and Umbaugh's report. Seiler made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-16. Knepper seconded the motion, motion approved.

There was discussion on how the county was to be reimbursed for the county employees who were with the Judge working on the Camm trail. Kroeger felt that a letter needed to be drafted and sent to Floyd County to see how this would be handled. Kroeger then asked Auditor Lynam to call the Warrick County Auditor and ask how it was handled in Warrick County and we would use that information as our first step.

**Old Business**

Kroeger explained that the information passed out concerning The Way was so everyone would have insight into their financial situation. Kroeger said we needed more information on what it is going to cost us locally because of the changes in the penal code that take effect in July of 2014 before we can decide what to do to help people like The Way. We have to plan our money to be able to do the whole job when the time comes.

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Winsett said he felt that when a special meeting needs to be held the Council members should be given a little more notice, and maybe try to get input from members as to a good time for everyone to meet.

**New Business**

**Kent Groves & Mason Seay—Chrisney Fire Department**

Kent Groves explained that they had no problem with the money they had received; they would just like to have received more to pay for the truck they purchased.

Kroeger explained that Umbaugh calculated the money that each entity was to receive. Then once that was done the Redevelopment Commission, the Commissioners and the Council all agreed to distribute the money as calculated by Umbaugh.

Mason Seay said they received \$24,571 and the request they had submitted was for a first responder unit/rescue truck; this truck goes out almost every run they make. We are just asking for additional money to pay for the truck, nothing more. Seay and Groves both said they would go to the Redevelopment Commission meeting on Wednesday and make a formal request to them and go from there; they just wanted to let the Council know what was going on.

**Library Appointment**

The Spencer County Public Library Board requested the Council make an appointment to replace Cindy Shelton who resigned. The Library Board recommended Becki Harmon to complete the term.

Spaetti made a motion to appoint Becki Harmon to fill the term vacated by Cindy Shelton as recommended by the Library Board. Bunner seconded the motion, motion approved.

Winsett made a motion to adjourn. Kress seconded the motion, motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

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